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11. (SBU) On July 20, Acting Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel points to Oleg Anisimov, Counselor in the North American Division. Anisimov promised to pass the information along to the Asia-Africa Department and the International Organizations Department. He also offered to attempt to facilitate a meeting with oil industry policymakers, although he noted Belarusneft officials would not be able to affect strategic questions. [Note: Post is seeking a meeting with officials from Belarusneft's parent company, Belneftekhim. End note.]

12. (U) Separately, Iranian Foreign Minister Mottaki visited Minsk July 21. Mottaki told journalists a session of the Iranian-Belarusian intergovernmental commission would meet in Tehran in August to discuss joint projects in the oil sector and other commercial cooperation.

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